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SOUTH AFRICA AND THE SOUTH: THE STRUGGLE GOES ON

In Baton Rouge, La., on April 1, nine students from Southern University ere in jail while 5400 others boycotted classes in protest against the suspen- on from the University of these and other leaders of the sit-in at the S. H. Kress nch counter in that city. On April 6, in Capetown, South Africa, Pan-African aders charged that police forced African workers to go back to their jobs by ing from house to house, beating people at random with whips and clubs. These e only two fragments from a chronicle of racial upheaval that would take many ges to report in full.

Africans Shot; Luthuli Jailed

In Nyanga, South Africa, troops with ed bayonets invaded the homes of ck people, arresting more than 1500 April 7. Earlier, over 100 were shot wn by police when they attempted to monstrate peacefully against the hu- liating "pass law" under which Afri- ns' movements are scrutinized and gulated by officials of the "master e."

Among the "instigators" of the pro- t against the pass law was FOR mem- Albert Luthuli, president of the Afri- n National Congress, who burned his ssbook and was arrested and im- soned last month and was reportedly saulted by a prison guard.

In the course of quickly moving ents, the racist government suspend- , then restored enforcement of the ss law. South Africa's business lead- s, their pocketbooks hurting from both ternal and international boycotts, ap- aled for more humane ways of keep- g the white man in the saddle.

"A Genuine Christian Movement"

In the U.S., Negro students, together th a few white sympathizers, have own what *The Christian Century* call- "a courage which surpasses physi- l bravery" in nonviolently withstand- g cruel assaults as they sat at lunch unters in variety stores throughout the South. In Managing Editor Kyle Haselden's words, "the sit-ins are part of a genuine Christian movement." In some cities, such as Galveston and San Antonio, Texas (where the local Council of Churches also played an important part), barriers fell and "regular courtesy" for Negroes was adopted by stores. Here are some highlights of the continuing struggle:

- In the wake of widespread protests by students and faculty of seminaries throughout the country, the Vanderbilt University Board of Trust announced that it would review its expulsion of FOR Regional Secretary James M. Lawson Jr. from the Divinity School.* Representatives of the Divinity School Faculty and student body have been invited to testify.
- Two whites and one Negro who received training in the FOR's "Internes in Nonviolence" program were at work in the South, counseling Negro students and serving as mediators to the white community. One of the volunteers was jailed on charges of "disturbing the peace" in an Alabama city when he sat down to supper with a group of Negroes in a private dining room of a cafeteria. Another obtained assurances from the police chief of a North Carolina

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*Erroneously referred to in earlier issues as a Methodist "School of Religion," it is actually an interdenominational Divinity School. We regret both errors.

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town that Negroes would be treated fairly.

- FOR Field Secretary Glenn Smiley headed a conference on nonviolence at Livingstone College in Salisbury, N.C. April 7-8.
- In a "Letter to Christian Students," the National Student Christian Federation urged creative participation "in this work of God in our midst."
- Two hundred Yale Divinity School students conducted a "silent march" around the campus to express solidarity with the sit-ins -- and also canvassed local landlords on racial attitudes in their renting practices.

John Swomley to Leave Fellowship Post

John M. Swomley Jr., Co-Secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, has resigned that post effective July 1 to accept appointment as associate professor of social ethics at National Methodist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. Swomley, a Methodist minister, has been on the Fellowship's staff for 21 years, starting in 1939 as a student worker at Boston University School of Theology. He came to the national staff the following year as youth secretary, subsequently became associate secretary under A. J. Muste, and on Mr. Muste's retirement in 1953 moved into the post of executive secretary.

In June 1957 Swomley was granted a year's leave of absence for study. During the year he completed the residence requirements for a Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Colorado. The degree was awarded the following year on the completion of his thesis. On his return to the FOR staff, he was asked to concentrate on program leadership and research, sharing the executive post with co-secretary Alfred Hassler. Since last December he has also directed the cooperative Program for Disarmament jointly sponsored by the FOR, American Friends Service Committee, Brethren Service Commission, and other peace agencies.

In his years with the Fellowship Dr. Swomley developed an enviable reputation as a top authority in the fields of militarism and international affairs. In his new position he will continue as a consultant to the FOR in these areas.

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NEWS from the peace front

Apartheid in South Africa and the ight of Algerian refugees will be the pics discussed this spring by the ewly organized student Fellowship of econciliation at the University of Min-esota. Since its reorganization last ovember, the group has sponsored a nowing of the film *Alternatives* and itiated a project, "Moments for Re-ection," in which students and faculty ere asked to search prayerfully for olutions to the present world situation, uring a monthly test of local air raid irens.

Activities of the group received wide overage in the *Minnesota Daily*, organ f the University.

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Seventy percent of the student body the University of Massachusetts voted gainst the continuance of compulsory OTC in a referendum vote held recently. he results of the vote will shortly be ubmitted to the Student Senate, to the aculty Senate, and to the Trustees.

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A non-governmental World People's onference will be held in Geneva, witzerland, May 8-13. Sponsored and rranged by IFOR member Anthony rooke, the meeting will concern itself ith "Humanity's needs unhampered by arrow nationalistic considerations, nd will recommend to national govern-ents and to the UN practical ways of eeting them." Representatives to the onference will be individuals person-lly invited from a wide variety of back-rounds and countries but not represent-ng the "narrow interests of any of ese."

The group, which will present its solutions at the Summit meetings of eads of State, May 16, is hoping by its eeting to initiate a United Peoples ovement and to set down principles r universal "human safety, welfare nd freedom."

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Radio stations WMOZ (Mobile, Ala.) nd WMRP (Flint, Mich.) were among the irst to use a series of 12 five-minute apes by John M. Swomley Jr. on dis-armament. The 7½ ips tapes were pro-duced as part of Dr. Swomley's work as secretary of the jointly sponsored Cam-paign for Disarmament.

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"Poison Gas--No!" a vigil protest-ing the production of gases and other chemicals "designed to blind, paralyze or kill both soldiers and mass civilian populations," is now being conducted at the Army Chemical Center in Edge-wood, Maryland. Sponsored by the Com-mittee for Nonviolent Action, the group also planned a Good Friday march from Edgewood to Washington, D. C., to picket the White House with signs opposing CBR weapons manufacture. Also, an Easter weekend training ses-sion in nonviolence was to be held in Baltimore in preparation for possible attempts at direct entry to the Chemi-cal Center's grounds on Monday, April 18. Continuance of the vigil and non-violent action beyond that date will depend upon circumstances at the time.

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Formal announcement of the 1960 Campaign for Disarmament, a joint ef-fort by individuals and organizations to undertake "political action on behalf of controlled disarmament" was made last month. Growing out of an "increas-ing concern that this election year should see an intensive effort to bring the arms race under control," the group is plan-ning to work with candidates for the presidency and Congress at the political party conventions, and in Congress and the White House. At present they are urging people to write Secretary of State Christian A. Herter asking that the U.S. seek a comprehensive disarmament agreement under international inspec-tion and the conclusion of a treaty to end all nuclear tests, at the 10-nation Geneva talks in May.

Participating groups include the Uni-ted World Federalists, the Friends Com-mittee on National Legislation, the

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Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.

FOR Co-Secretary John M. Swomley Jr. is a member of the Campaign steering committee. This is not to be confused with his position as coordinator of the jointly sponsored Program for Disarmament.

LIT NOTES

Copies of a new *Bibliography of Books on War, Pacifism, Nonviolence and Related Studies,* compiled by William Robert Miller and including 500 books recommended by a committee of pacifist scholars, are available at 25¢ each from FOR, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y. The Bibliography is designed for use by serious students and researchers and is in mimeograph form with sturdy printed paper binding. In addition to the 30-page Bibliography, which includes an annotated Select List of 51 outstanding titles, copies of the Select List alone are available at 5¢ each.

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Special bargains: *Testament of Experience* by Vera Brittain and *The Offenders* by Playfair & Sington, formerly priced at $5 and $3.95 respectively, are now available in limited quantity at a bargain price of $1 each. The Brittain book is the autobiography of a British FOR member spanning the prewar and postwar years. *The Offenders* is a hard-hitting attack on capital punishment. Another vital publication on this subject is *Reflections on the Guillotine* by the late Nobel Prize novelist, Albert Camus, reprinted complete in the current issue of *Evergreen Review,* together with anti-execution quotes from Berdyaev, Bernard Shaw, Leonardo da Vinci and others. Price is only $1 (cloth bound edition of the Camus essay alone $2). Order from Fellowship Publications Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

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A brochure describing "the purpose and progress of the Church Peace Mission" and containing the Message of the third National Conference of the CPM in Evanston, Illinois, April 20-23 1959 is available from The Church Peace Mission, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N.Y. Price: 4¢ a copy or 100 for $2

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 29. Fellowship of Ethical Pacifists dinner at Sylvania Hotel, Locust & Juniper Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. at 6 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Jerome Frank. Write: 2 West 64 St.,New York 23, N.Y.

April 29--May 1. Woolman Hill weekend on India & USSR, at Deerfield, Mass. Discussion leader, Amiya Chakravarty. Cost: $14. Write: AFSC, 130 Brattle St., Cambridge 38, Mass.

May 6-7. FOR Midwest regional conference at Hemenway Methodist Church Evanston, Illinois. Write: Dorothy Calkins, 3212 Otto Lane, Evanston, Ill.

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